

REMARKS

A. Request for Reconsideration

Applicants have carefully considered the matters raised by the Examiner in the Advisory Action but remain of the position that patentable subject matter is present. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's position based on the amendments to the claims and the following remarks.

B. Claims Status

Claims 1 and 6-14 are presented for further prosecution. Claims 12-14 have been added by this amendment. Claims 2-5 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the resin is a polymer of monomers composed of radical polymerizable monomers that have a radical polymerizable monomer having a basic group or an acidic group in an amount of 0.1 to 15 weight% based on the entire weight of the radical polymerizable monomer. Support for this amendment can be found in par. 1 on page 17 of the application.

New claim 12 recites preferred radical polymerizable monomers. Support for this claim can be found in par. 4 on page 13 of the application.

Claim 13 has been added to further define the radical polymerizable monomer. Support for this amendment can be found in par. 1 on page 16 of the application.

Claim 14 has been added to recite that the monomers include a cross-linking agent. Support for this amendment can be found in par. 1 on page 17 of the application.

C. The Advisory Action

Claims 1, 6-8, 10, and 11 had been rejected as being unpatentable over Nozawa (U.S. 6,555,281) in view of Rimai (U.S. 4,737,433). Claim 9 had been rejected as being unpatentable over Nozawa in view of Rimai and Yachi (U.S. 5,773,185).

1. Nozawa, Rimai, and Yachi do not teach or suggest the resin of claim 1

Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite that the resin is a polymer of radical polymerized monomers wherein 0.1 to 15 weight% based on the total weight of the monomers have a basic group or an acidic group.

Nozawa, Rimai, and Yachi do not teach or suggest the resin of claim 1. The toner of Rimai does not employ a radial polymerized monomer. Nozawa teaches a polymerizable monomer to make the toner particles in col. 17, lines 5-7. However, the toner particles of Nozawa does not have 0.1 to 15 weight% of the

total monomers with a basic group or an acidic group. Yachi teaches a toner made with polymerizable monomers in col. 13, lines 24-57. The toner of Yachi does not have 0.1 to 15 weight% of monomers with a basic group or an acidic group.

Applicants respectfully submit that the polymer of claim 1 is not taught or suggested by Rimai, Nozawa, and Yachi and is patentable over the teachings of Rimai, Nozawa, and Yachi taken alone or in combination.

D. Information Disclosure Statement

Attached is an Information Disclosure Statement disclosing references cited in a corresponding Japanese application. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement.

E. Conclusion

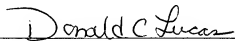
In view of the foregoing and the enclosed, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain

this Application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit Account No. 02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attached: Information Disclosure Statement